

HOUSE RESOLUTION 118

By Hawk

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the 230th anniversary of the founding of Greene County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should join with the counties that comprise this great State in celebrating joyous and historic occasions; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Greene County are most assuredly deserving of special recognition as they celebrate the 230th anniversary of the county's establishment and the formation of Greeneville as its county seat; and

WHEREAS, located in the southwest segment of Northeast Tennessee, Greene County is named in honor of Revolutionary War Commander Nathaniel Greene of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, settlement of the area first began in 1772, when Jacob Brown and others relocated from North Carolina and established a camp on the banks of the Nolichucky River; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 1783, Greene County was brought in to existence by Act of the North Carolina legislature via a division from Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Kennedy, a military man and respected public servant, and Waightstill Avery, who was actually a member of the North Carolina House of Commons, were instrumental in the passage of this legislation; consequently, Daniel Kennedy is known as the Father of Greene County, and Waightstill Avery is often referred to as its foster father; and

WHEREAS, from 1784-1788, Greene County and neighboring counties participated in the short-lived State of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, in 1789, North Carolina ceded its western lands, including Greene County, to the federal government; and

WHEREAS, this area was designated as part of the Territory of the United States by Congress, until June 1, 1796, when Tennessee was admitted to the Union as the sixteenth state; and

WHEREAS, Greene County enjoys a distinguished educational history: Greeneville College was founded in 1794 as the first college west of the Alleghenies; Washington College was established in 1795; and Tusculum College was founded in 1818; Tusculum and Greeneville later merged to become today's Tusculum College; and

WHEREAS, in 1885, a tobacco market was established in Greeneville to handle the sale of the burley tobacco that had become a major crop in Northeast Tennessee, which led to the establishment of Greeneville as one of the leading burley tobacco markets in the nation; and

WHEREAS, famous citizens of Greene County include Andrew Johnson, seventeenth President of the United States, and David Crockett, who died defending the Alamo during the war for Texas's independence; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Greene County have added and continue to add immeasurably to the strength and character of Tennessee; their history and accomplishments have helped to build the cultural richness for which this State is known; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor this fine community and its citizenry as they commemorate this significant milestone in their historic existence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate the citizens of Greene County upon the celebration of the 230th anniversary of the county's founding and extend to them our best wishes for continued success, growth, and prosperity in their outstanding community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge all citizens to take special note of this historic event and participate in activities to celebrate the 230th anniversary of Greene County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.